(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). For reasons of protocol/ security, certain dignitaries including President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Heads of Foreign Countries/ Governments, Chief Justice of India, Special Protection Group Protectees etc. are allowed to take their vehicles upto the airport during their arrival/departure by air.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Allotment of Stalls/Shops at the Platforms

3002. COL. RAO RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government allot stalls/shops etc. at the platforms of railway stations;

(b) if so, the guidelines laid down in this regard;

(c) whether any preference is given to war widows, ex-servicemen, handicapped, SC/ST and people of weaker sections;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of Railway stalls/shops allotted to war-widows/Ex. servicemen, handicapped, SC/ST and people of weaker sections at different railway stations during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(g) the number of applications pending with the Union Government for approval for the railway stations of Gurgaon, Rewari and Mohindergarh districts of Haryana;

(h) the steps being taken by the Union Government to take decision expeditiously on these applications; and

(i) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Catering/vending stalls are allotted by zonal Railways by inviting applications through press notification from experienced and reputed caterers as per extant guidelines issued by Railway Board.

(c) and (d). At roadside stations preference is given to SC/ST applicants.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(g) to (i). 24 applications for one tea stall at Patodi Road Railway Station and 6 applications for one barber shop at Gurgaon Railway station have been received by the Railways. These are being processed and there is no delay.

Gold Mines

3003. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's gold reserves are depleting day by day;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any study has been conducted for sufficient exploration of gold production by Indian companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any blueprint has been prepared for bulk sampling, analysis of large amount of rock samples and preparation of qeochemical maps for open cast mining, reducing the production cost and providing employment opportunities to the local people; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b). Minerals are non-renewable resources and individual deposits get exhausted due to exploitation. However, exploration activities continue to locate new deposits.

(c) and (d). Hutti Gold Mines Ltd. (HGML) have undertaken further exploration in their lease hold areas and have identified about 24.2 million tonnes at a grade of 4.04 gm/tonne. They have also identified a mineable resource of about 3.3 million tonnes at a grade of 2.5 gm/tonne at the Ajjanhalli Gold Project Area.

(e) and (f). Detailed exploration for gold involves bulk sampling analysis of large amount of rock samples with preparation of Geochemical maps for developing an open cast mining plan. such facilities are available in the country.

Domestic and Foreign Visits of Correspondents

3004. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Press Information Bureau is discriminating with the newspapers in Hindi and other regional languages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of correspondents alongwith their respective newspapers who accompanied the President, Vice-President and the Prime Minister on their domestic and foreign visits during 1995;

(d) whether some particular newspapers are often given chances. to accompany the above dignitories on their aforesaid visits; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[Translation]

Fertilizer Industries under SAIL

3005. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fertilizer industries set up by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in the country;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers produced in such fertilizer industries during the last three years; and

(c) the number of dealers appointed for sale of such fertilizers, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Fertilizer plants set up by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in the country are as follows :-

Sl No	Name of the Plant	Product
1.	Rourkela Fertilizer Plant (Orissa State)	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (25% 'N')
2.	Rourkela Steel Plant (Orissa State)	Ammonium Sulphate (20.5% 'N')
3.	Bhilai Steel Plant (Madhya Pradesh State)	Ammonium Sulphate (20.6% 'N')
4.	Durgapur Steel Plant (West Bengal State)	Ammonium Sulphate (20.6% 'N')
5.	Bokaro Steel Plant (Bihar State)	Ammonium sulphate (20.6% 'N')
6.	The Indian Iron & Steel Company Limited, Burnpur—A subsidiary of SAIL (West Bengal State)	Ammonium Sulphate

The Ammonium Sulphate produced in all the above steel plants is a by product.

(b) The plant-wise production details during the last three years are given as under :

(Qty. = Tonnes)

Name of Plant	Product		Production During 1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2		3	4	5
RSP	*CAN	(25% N)	239541	221393	148284
RSP	**A/S	(20.6% N)	10329	10567	5794
BSP	A/S	(20.6% N)	43939	44425	45324
DSP	A/S	(20.6% N)	7773	9697	7361
BSL	A/S	(20.6% N)	23584	22700	26390
IISCO	A/S		7898	9503	11062

* Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN)

** Ammonium Sulphate (A/S)

(c) The number of dealers appointed for sale of CAN & A/S (State-wise) are given below:-

Name of the State	Number of Dealers
SAIL	
Andhra Pradesh	190
Bihar	91
Orissa	77
West Bengal	86
Madhya Pradesh	12
Uttar Pradesh	35
Maharashtra	8
Tamil Nadu	27
Karnataka	23
Assam	2
Total :	551
TISCO	
West Bengal	47

Non-availability of AC Coach in Ganga-Yamuna Express

3006. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI : will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no A.C. coach attached to the Ganga Yamuna Exprass train and many times first class coach is attached to the train in place of the A.C. coach which create difficulties for the passengers; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. An A.C. 2nd sleeper coach is scheduled to run on 3413/3414 & 3483/3484 Bhiwani-Malda Town Farakka Express (erstwhile Ganga-Yamuna Express). However, sometimes due to sick marking of the coach and non-availability of another suitable replacement, I Class coach is attached to the train.